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December 30, 2002

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF \$13,000 THERMAL IMAGING
SYSTEM CAMERA DONATION
SUPERVISOR DON KNABE
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the County of Los Angeles Fire Department to accept with appreciation, a thermal imaging system camera valued at \$13,000 from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Rolling Hills Estates, California.
2. Instruct the Chair to sign and forward a letter expressing Board appreciation of the generous donation of a thermal imaging system camera valued at \$13,000 from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department is pleased to inform your Honorable Board of Supervisors that the Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has donated a thermal imaging system camera valued at \$13,000 to Battalion 14 of the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

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This camera is to be used in Battalion 14 to locate fire victims, and assist with search and rescue efforts in confined spaces of collapsed buildings from earthquakes and terrorist activities. Also, assist in finding deep-seated fires, locate fellow firefighters trapped or disoriented by fire and smoke, and monitor temperatures during hazardous materials incidents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Minimum cost savings.

FACTS AND PROVISION/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The District is authorized to accept donations by the County Fiscal Manual Section 2.4.2, Cash Donations.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Does not apply.

CONCLUSION

Attached for Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke's consideration is a draft letter thanking the Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce for their generous donation. Instruct the Executive Office of the Board to send a letter to Carol Ritscher, President, Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, 707 Silver Spur Road, Suite 100, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274.

Respectfully submitted,

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

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c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller

bc: Freeman, Lockhart, Webber, Herrera, Ryland, Wilkinson, Montoya, Jo, Zelenski,
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Carol Ritscher, President
Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
707 Silver Spur Road, Suite 100
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

Dear Ms. Ritscher:

Thank you for donating the thermal imaging system camera to the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Battalion 14. Under guidelines for the County of Los Angeles, all donations of \$10,000 or more require County Board of Supervisors' approval. Therefore, I have requested permission from the Board to accept your donation.

If you have any questions, please contact Deputy Fire Chief Jimmie L. Ryland, Central Regional Operations Bureau at (310) 419-8731. Again, thank you to the Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce for the thoughtful consideration.

Very truly yours,

YVONNE BRATHWAITE BURKE, CHAIR
SECOND DISTRICT

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c: P. Michael Freeman
Randi Tahara

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